Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Over hundred year ago, Father Michael J. McGivney of New Haven, Connecticut, founded the Knights of Columbus to aid Catholic men to remain steadfast in their faith; to promote fraternal ties among themselves; and to set up an insurance system so the widows and children of the Knights would not be left in dire financial straits; and,

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus now boasts 1.3 million Catholic men in some 7,000 councils who are dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism; and,

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus is much more than a fraternal organization, being concerned with the well-being of retarded citizens, the family unit, the sanctity of human life, and much more; and,

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus in South Dakota has, for more than the past decade, conducted an annual drive to collect funds for mentally retarded citizens through what it called a Tootsie Roll program, whereby Tootsie Rolls are given to persons whether or not they make a contribution of free offering; and,

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus are a prime example of "giving move than receiving" as they donate their time to the needs of others less fortunate than they:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 1989 as

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE MONTH

in South Dakota, and encourage all citizens and organizations in the state to join in this observance for the benefit of the mentally retarded citizens of the Pierre area and the state of South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE